

City Hall, City of Lodi
Monday, November 17-1924

This regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P.M. on the above date, Trustees Hale, Mettler, Roach, Shattuck and Spooner present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 3rd were read, approved as read and so endorsed by the President.

The first order of business was the opening of bids for fire hose under the call of November 4th, proposals received were from:-

United States Rubber Company, Eureka Fire Hose Dept.
American Rubber/Manufacturing Company

New York Belting and Packing Company

Stockton Hardware & Implement Company

After proper canvass of bids received, the Board declared the bid of American Rubber Manufacturing Company to be the lowest and best bid received and awarded the contract for furnishing 1000 feet "Crackerjack" 2½ inch hose at \$1.30 and 600 feet of the same brand in the 1½ inch diameter at 90¢ per foot to that company by the passage of Resolution of Award No. 467 by the following vote:-

AYES: Trustees, Shattuck, Roach, Mettler, Hale and Spooner.

NOES: Trustees, None. ABSENT: Trustees, None.

In the matter of the further investigation of charges made that officers or officials of the City had been present in a gambling place in the City under proceedings instituted September 25th., 1924, John L. Graham voluntarily appeared and in answer to direct question put him by President Spooner stated that he had no knowledge of the presence of officers of the City in any gambling den and also that he had never made such a statement to C.C. Liter. Mr Graham also stated, in answer to question, that Mr C.C. Liter had never asked him to appear before the Board, as the latter had promised, nor had he had conversation with Liter since October 20th, the date on which Mr Liter had vouchsafed the information that he, Graham, had told him that officers were present during a gambling game.

In answer to a question asked witness by City Attorney Glenn West, Mr Graham stated that no one had ever said to him, while he was present in a Chinese gambling house, that officers were present.

Mr Graham was then excused with the thanks of the Board for his appearance before them.

President Spooner then stated that all charges made or alleged to have been made had fallen flat and that all officers of the City or officials thereof stood publicly ex-honored. Trustee Shattuck moved the passage of the following resolution and the same was unanimously passed and adopted and ordered spread in full on the minutes:-

RESOLUTION No. 469.

WHEREAS, certain statements were made by the Reverend Benjamin Smith, publicly, in the Christian Church on the 21st day of September, 1924 reflecting on the honesty and integrity of police officers or officials of the City of Lodi, by stating that on information furnished him, officers or officials had been present in a gambling house in the City of Lodi on September 18th., 1924 while gambling was conducted therein and that no arrests were made;

AND WHEREAS, the foregoing has been thoroughly investigated, as shown by the minutes of this Board, and witnesses duly examined before the Board in open session, and the falsity of such charges has been thereby proved;

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the said charges are hereby found to be untrue and without foundation and police officers or officials of this City are hereby absolved from any blame in connection therewith .

In the matter of the renewal of the contract with the Sanitary City Scavenger Company, the President was authorized to enter into a new contract for a three year period dating from November 18-1924 by the passage of Resolution No. 468 by the following vote:-

AYES: Trustees, Mettler, Shattuck, Hale, Roach & Spooner.

NOES: Trustees, None; ABSENT: Trustees, None.

The acceptance of annual contracts with the General Electric Company, having been approved by the Superintendent of Public Utilities, Trustee Shattuck moved that the President sign and execute the same and it was so ordered.

Two petitions filed with the Clerk were read, one applying for extension of electric service and the other for sewer facilities to South Garfield Street and Poplar Street. The Clerk was directed to inform petitioners that suitable and acceptable open alleyways for installation of these services must be deeded the City before the extensions would be considered.

Two letters and a telegram from C. Lee Peck in regard to a change in his method of treating sludge at the sewage disposal plant and the proposed installation of automatic controls were read; on motion of Trustee Mettler, the immediate trial of his latest method of reducing sludge by lime treatment was authorized. No action was taken on the installation of automatic controls as dispensing with the services of the third operator did not meet with the approval of the resident attendant, Mr. Post.

Trustee Shattuck brought up the matter of permanent walks and repairs at the sewage disposal plant around the residence of the attendant and the Clerk was authorized to secure informal proposals for the work, the engineer to specify location and quantities.

An agreement with Wm. Baker for use of the unused land south of the aeration tanks at the sewer farm was authorized and the Clerk and Attorney instructed to draw up a suitable instrument therefore.

On motion of Trustee Shattuck, seconded by Trustee Mettler, the Clerk was directed to make the final payments on Lots 7 and 8 in Block 26, Mokelumne as agreed in contract with Hilliard E. Welch dated October 1-1923, payments to be made on delivery of proper deeds and certificates as provided in the said contract.

The Clerk reported that the amount of \$116.55 was due the County of San Joaquin on three parcels of land owned by, or contracted for by the City as taxes assessed and now due.

Payment was directed by the adoption of Resolution No. 470 by the following vote:-

AYES: Trustees, Shattuck, Roach, Hale, Mettler & Spooner.

The report of the city plumbing inspector for October was read and ordered filed.

On motion of Trustee Shattuck, seconded by Trustee Roach, the Clerk was directed to secure an accident insurance policy with the Maryland Casualty Company covering 25 volunteer firemen at an annual premium of \$112.50.

The City Clerk presented his annual report of financial transactions of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30-1924 and on motion of Trustee Mettler, the same was ordered printed.

Seven building permits aggregating \$8,990.00 were ordered granted.

Bills amounting to \$2,706.79 having been approved by the finance committee for payment, were ordered paid on motion of Trustee Mettler.

On motion of Trustee Mettler the Board adjourned until their next regular meeting to be held December 1 - 1924.

Attest:-

J. H. Beasley
City Clerk.

The foregoing minutes of the meeting of the Board held November 17-1924 were read and approved as read at a meeting held December 1st., 1924.

A. A. Spooner

President Board of Trustees
City of Lodi